

of Higher Learning in the State of Mississippi, which oversees the operations and management of the eight public universities in our State.

Upon retirement from the local public education system in Indianola, MS, Dr. Pennington served as executive assistant to the president of Delta State University. Later, he was asked to move into the position as the first chief executive officer of Delta Health Alliance, which has been a vitally successful program aimed at improving access to health care in the Mississippi Delta.

Cass Pennington is respected in all business and education circles throughout our State. Delta Council, itself, has been taken to a new level through the involvement of Dr. Pennington. He is a leader and a man of strong conviction, especially with regard to the future of the Mississippi Delta.

In Mississippi, we appreciate Cass Pennington, his wife Carolyn, and their daughter Athena for the sacrifices they have made to help improve the lives of all who live and do business in the Mississippi Delta. •

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13536 ON APRIL 12, 2010 WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA—PM 8

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2011.

The deterioration of the security situation and the persistence of violence in Somalia, and acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia, which have repeatedly been the subject of United Nations Security Council resolutions, and violations of the Somalia arms embargo imposed by the United Nations Security Council, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Somalia and related measures blocking

the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Somalia.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 7, 2011.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1363. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read twice and ordered to be placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1363. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 768. A bill to provide for continuing operations of Government in a fiscally responsible manner.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1232. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees" (RIN0572-AC06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1233. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; New Haven, CT" (MB Docket No. 09-123; DA 11-501) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1234. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; El Paso, TX" (MB Docket No. 11-4; DA 11-530) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1235. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Jackson, MS" (MB Docket No. 11-8; DA 11-516) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1236. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of

Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Access to NOAA Environmental Data, Information, and Related Products and Services" (RIN0648-AX7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1237. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Reliability Standards for Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits" ((RIN1902-AE17) (Docket No. RM10-15-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1238. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the New Zealand-Australia Distinct Population Segment of the Southern Rockhopper Penguin" (RIN1018-AV73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 4, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1239. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Preheat Temperature for Welding of Low-Alloy Steel" (Regulatory Guide 1.50, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1240. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Reactor Regulation Office, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Availability of Model Application and Safety Evaluation for Plant-Specific Adoption of TSTF-422, Revision 2 'Change in Technical Specifications End States (CE NPSD-1186)'" (NUREG-1432) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1241. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Joint Board for the Enrollment of the Actuaries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing the Performance of Actuarial Services Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" (RIN1545-BC82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1242. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Director's Directive No. 2—Employment Tax and the Employees on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf" (LBandI-4-0211-005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1243. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Exemptions to the Specified Tax Return Preparer Electronic Filing Requirement. . . ." (Notice 2011-26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1244. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the